

Poultry Programs

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All Poultry and Egg Suppliers

NOTICE TO THE TRADE – JULY 2004

This Notice serves to inform vendors of Poultry Programs' intent to require written food security plans by May 2005. This measure is in keeping with the Department's emphasis to add a level of safety to food going to the Federal feeding programs. It is our understanding that some vendors have already added food security plans to their operation to meet requests of other customers. However, we are aware that there are vendors who have not already done this.

The plan shall be based on the Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) Security Guidelines for Food Processors, found at the following address:

<http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/topics/SecurityGuide.pdf>. It must deal with the following areas: (1) food security plan management, (2) outside and inside security of the facility, (3) slaughter and processing, (4) shipping and receiving, (5) storage, (6) water and ice supply, (7) mail handling, and (8) personal security. The plan will be subject to periodic review by USDA Graders.

If you have any questions, please contact this office at (202) 720-7693.

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